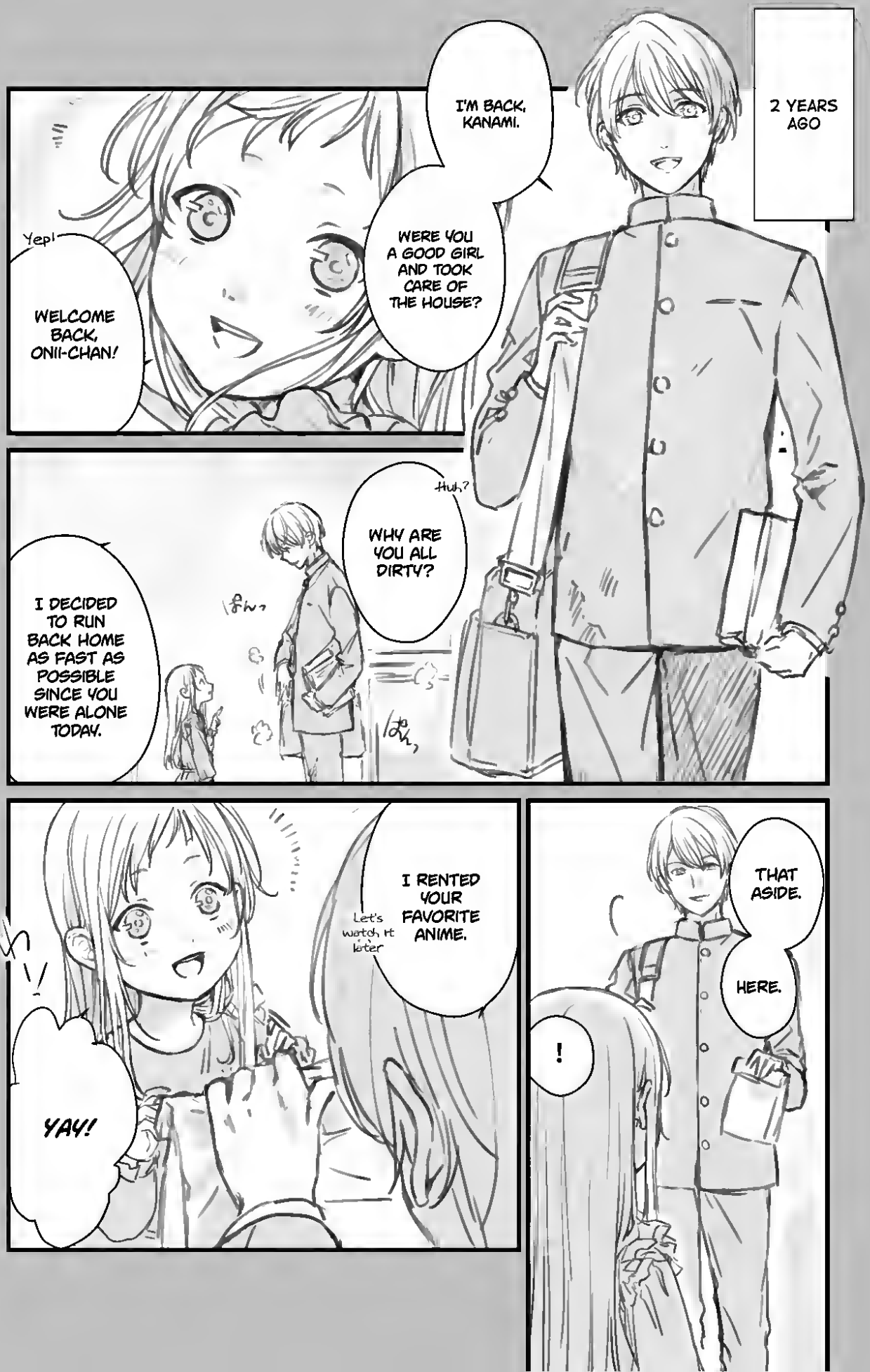
2 YEARS AGO
I'M BACK, KANAMI.
WERE YOU A GOOD GIRL AND TOOK CARE OF THE HOUSE?
Yep!
WELCOME BACK, ONII-CHAN!
Huh?
WHY ARE YOU ALL DIRTY?
I DECIDED TO RUN BACK HOME AS FAST AS POSSIBLE SINCE YOU WERE ALONE TODAY.
I RENTED YOUR FAVORITE ANIME.
Let's watch it later
YAY!
THAT ASIDE.
HERE.
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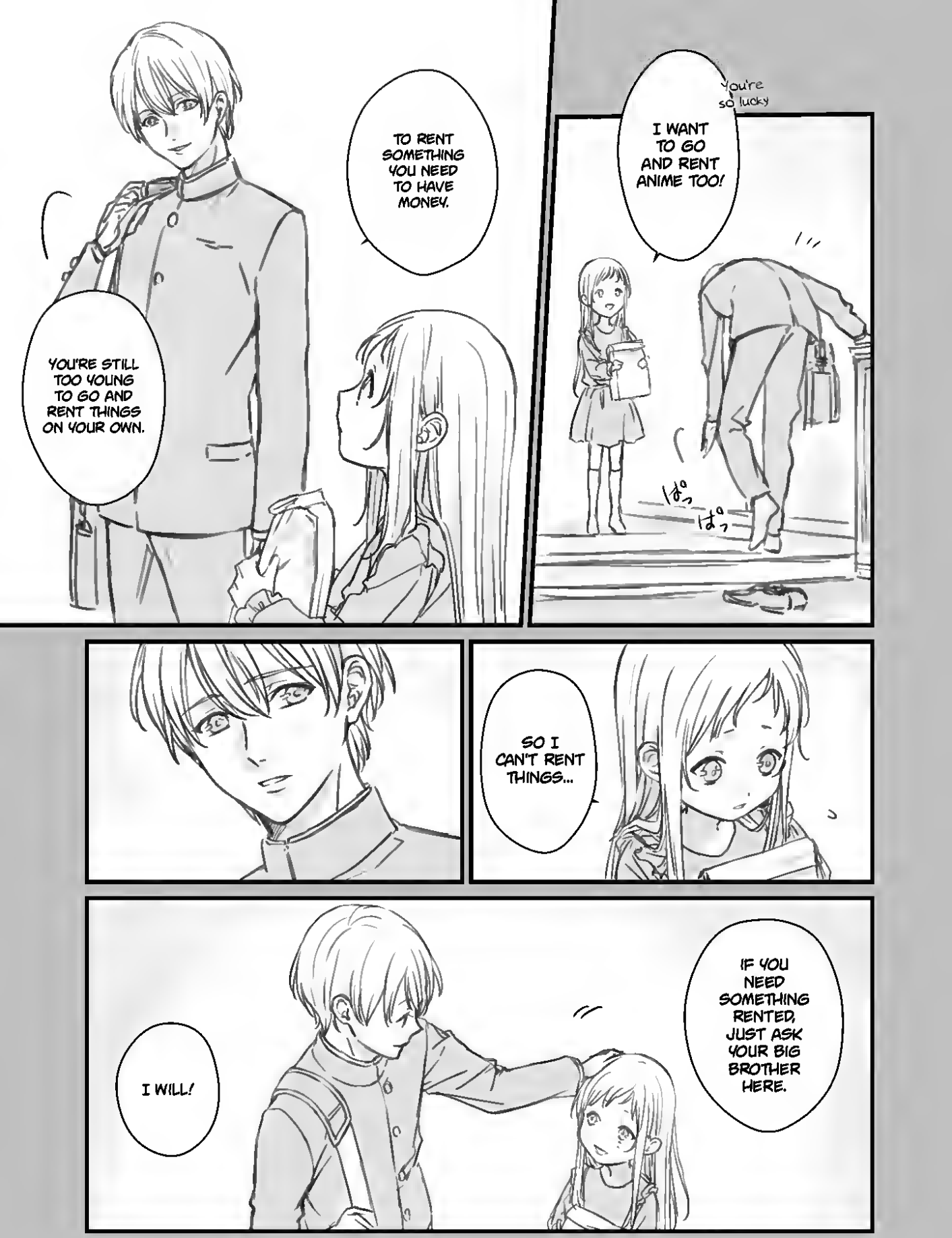
TO RENT SOMETHING YOU NEED TO HAVE MONEY.
YOU'RE STILL TOO YOUNG TO GO AND RENT THINGS ON YOUR OWN.
You're so lucky
I WANT TO GO AND RENT ANIME TOO!
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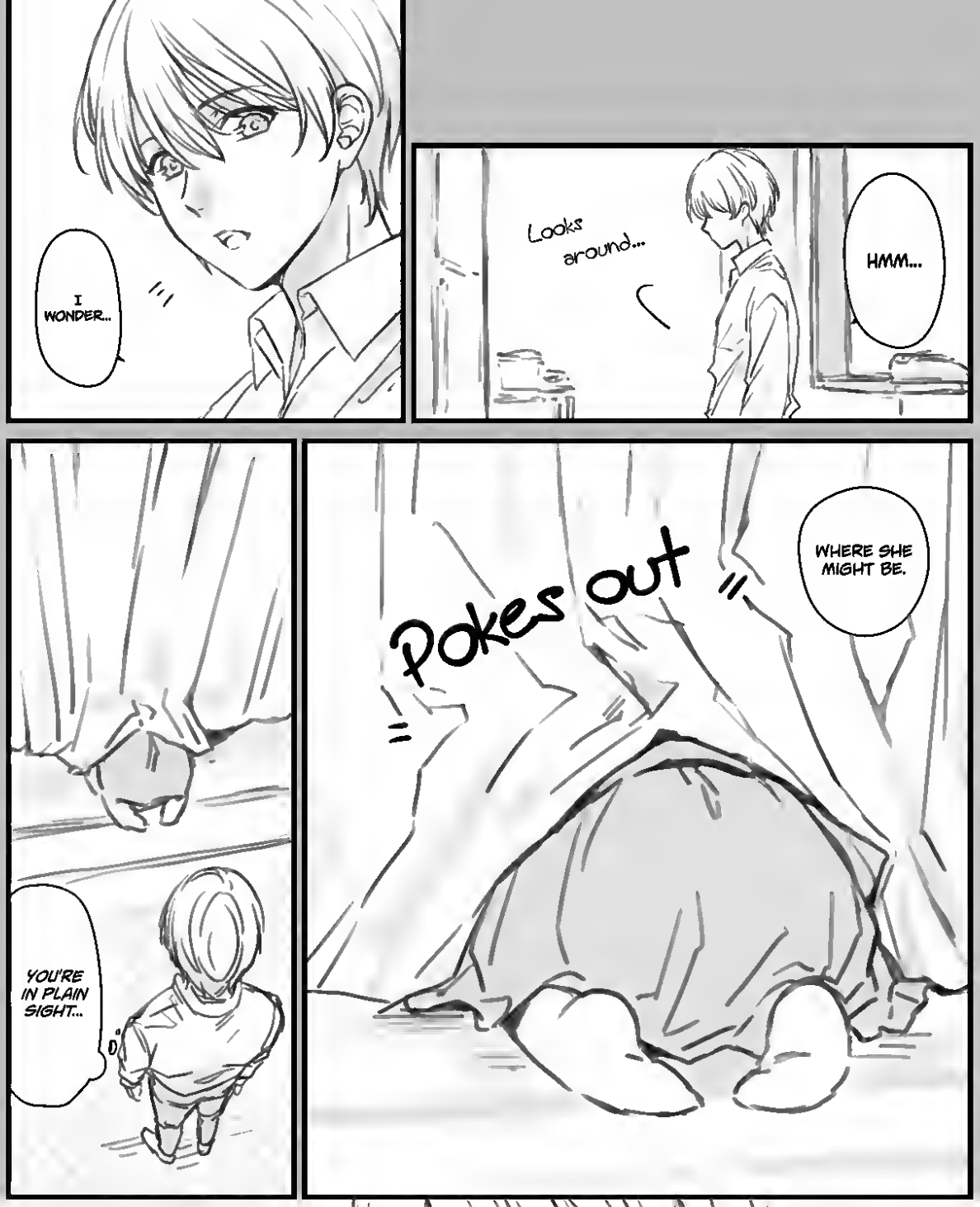
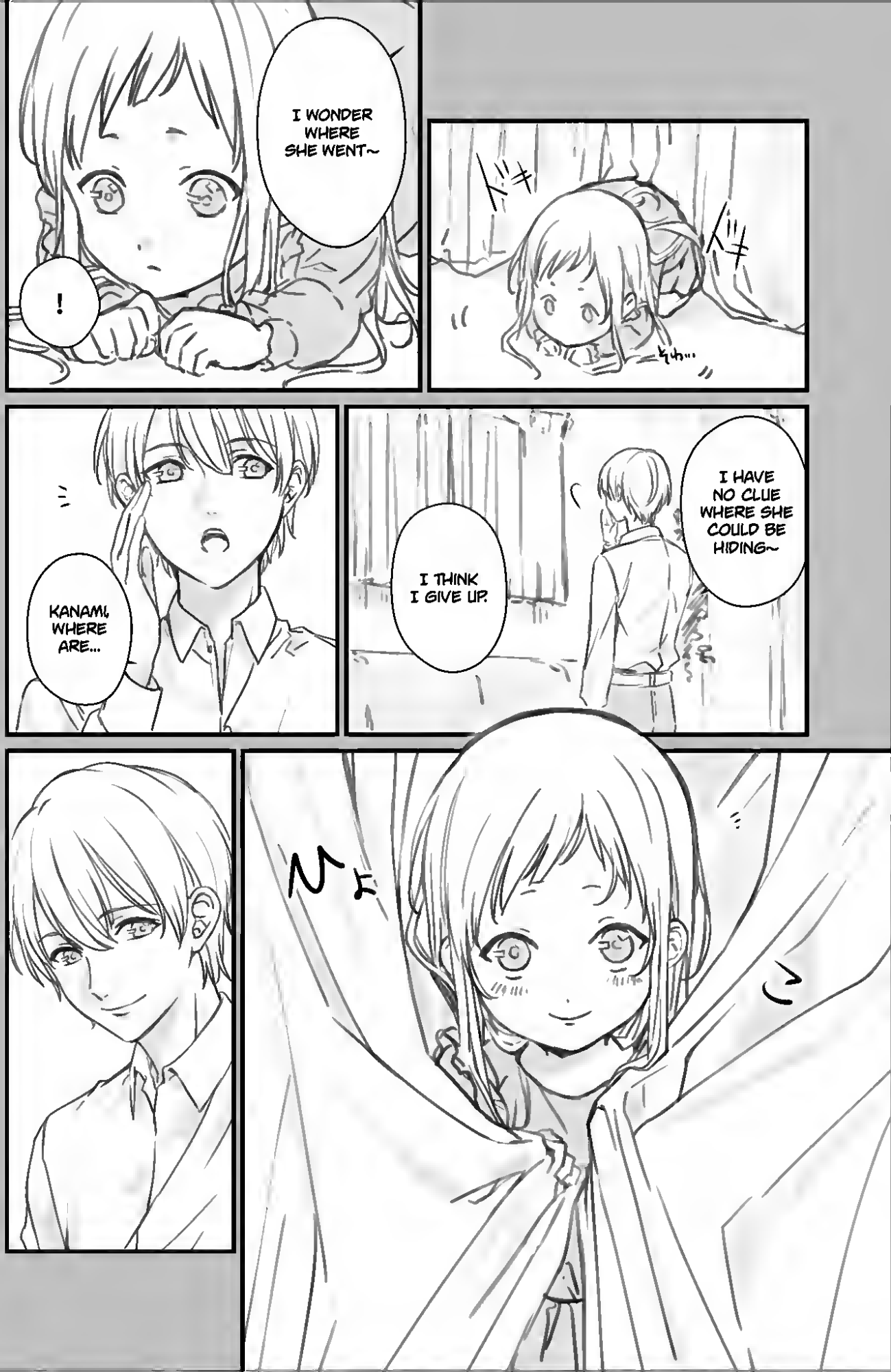
SO I CAN'T RENT THINGS...
IF YOU NEED SOMETHING RENTED, JUST ASK YOUR BIG BROTHER HERE.
I WILL!

ONII-CHAN, LET'S PLAY TOGETHER BEFORE WATCHING THE ANIME!
SURE, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO PLAY?
HIDE AND SEEK!
You'll be it!
YOU SURE LOVE HIDE AND SEEK.
28...
29...
30!


I WONDER...
Looks around...
HMM...
Pokes out
WHERE SHE MIGHT BE.
YOU'RE IN PLAIN SIGHT...
Chuckle


I WONDER WHERE SHE WENT~
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Kyu...
KANAMI, WHERE ARE...
I THINK I GIVE UP.
I HAVE NO CLUE WHERE SHE COULD BE HIDING~
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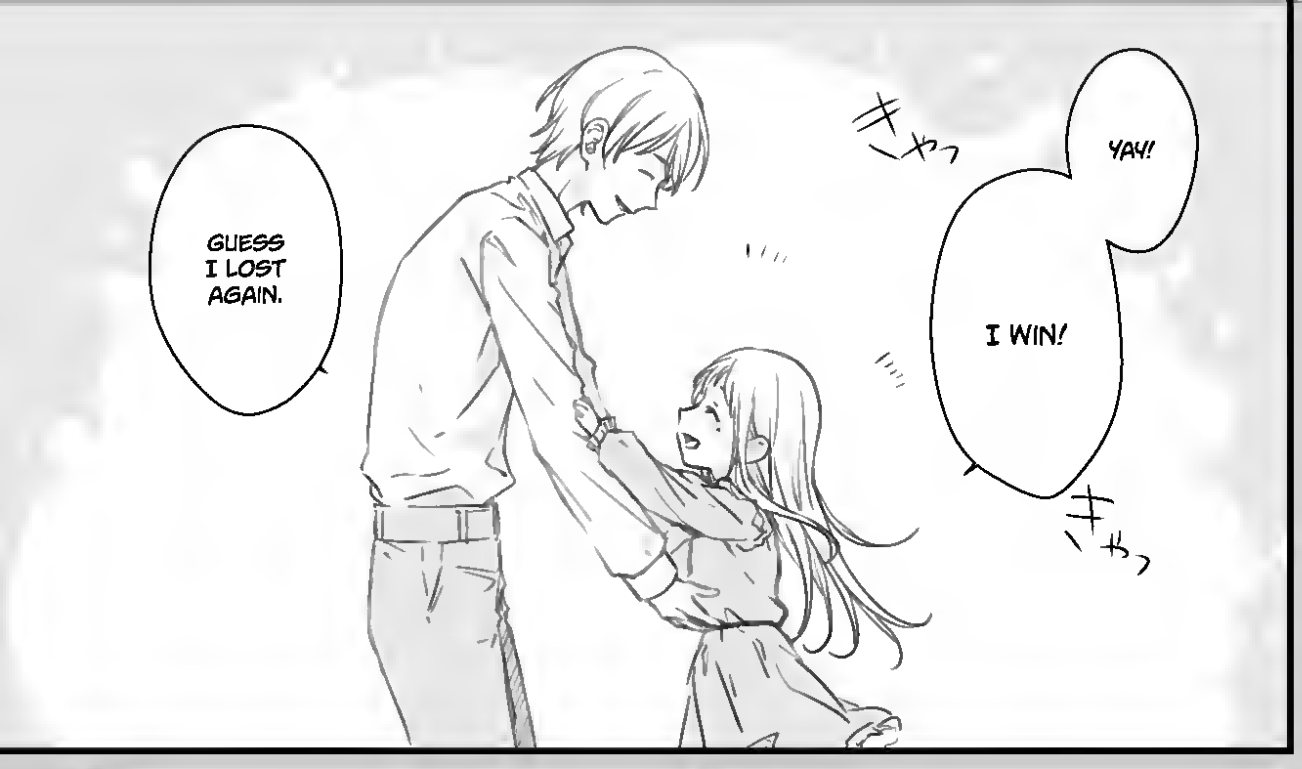
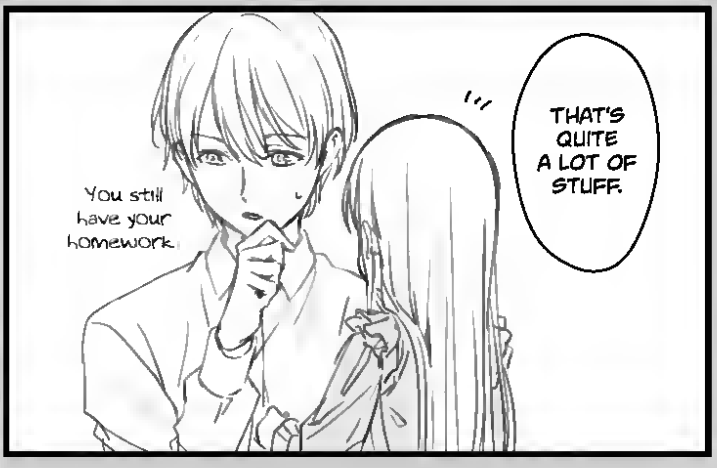
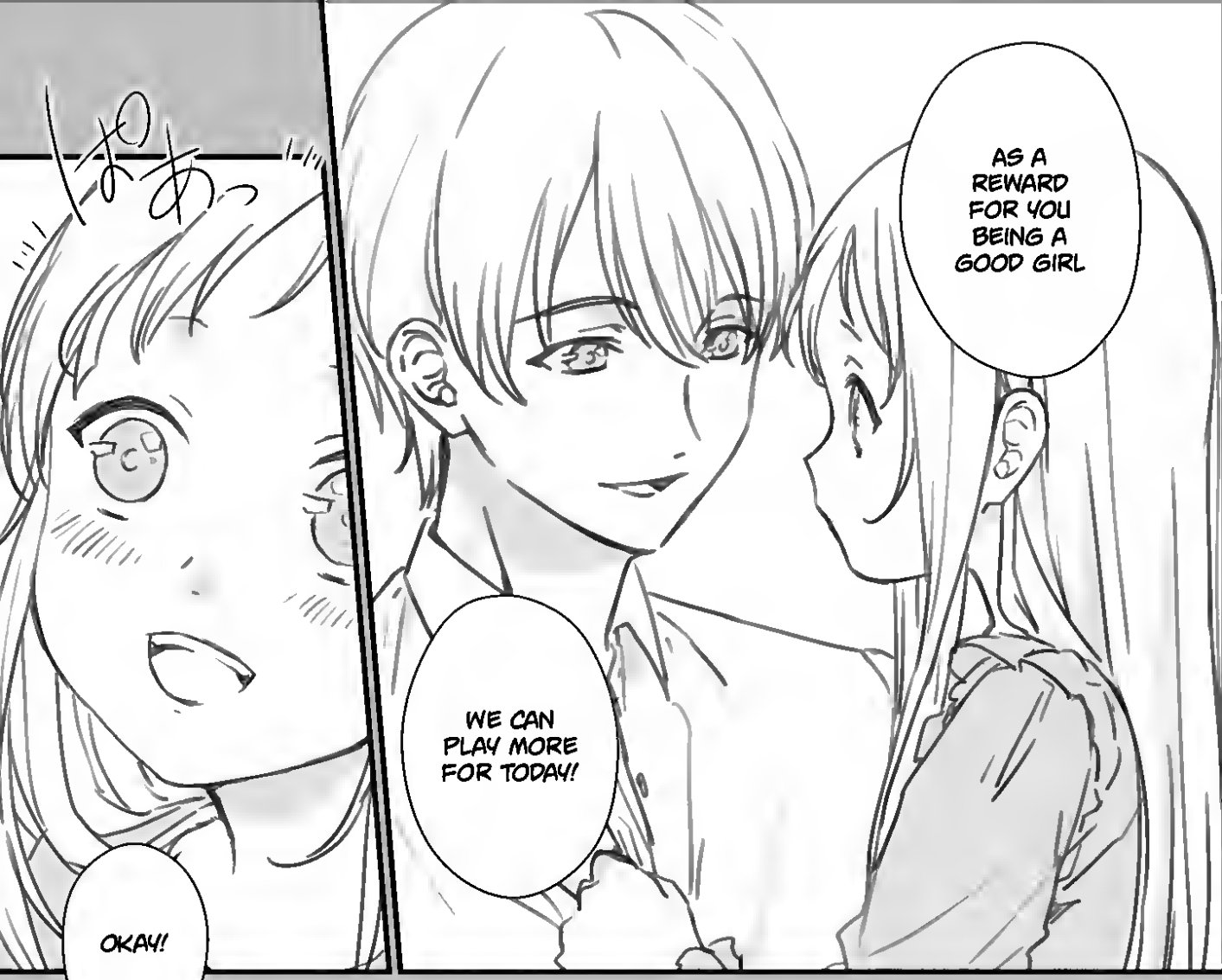

GUESS I LOST AGAIN.
YAY!
I WIN!

I WANT TO PLAY WITH MY DOLLS...
LET ME COUNT.
THEN DRAW...
AND THEN WATCH ANIME.

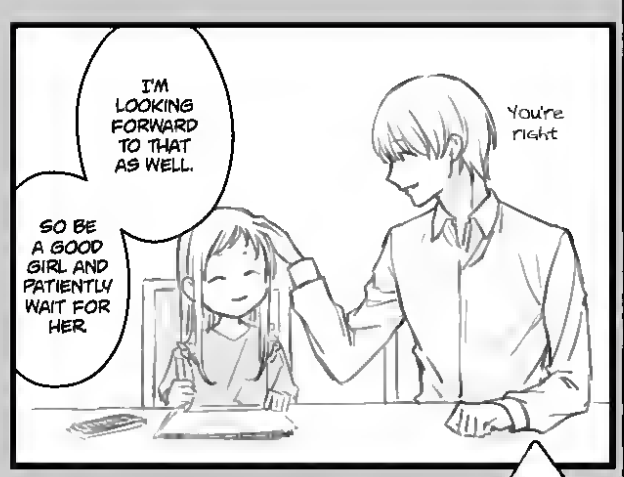
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO PLAY NEXT?

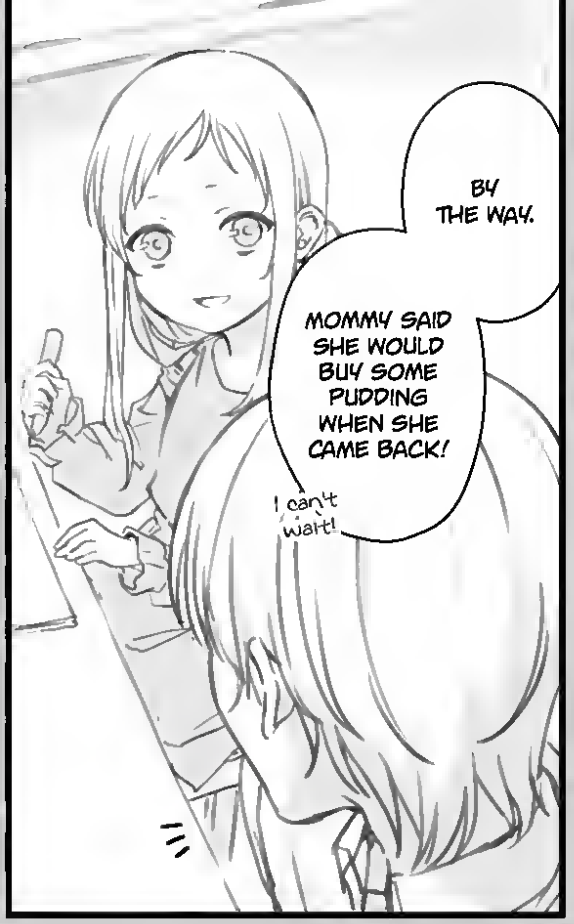
IS IT TOO MUCH?


You still have your homework.
THAT'S QUITE A LOT OF STUFF.

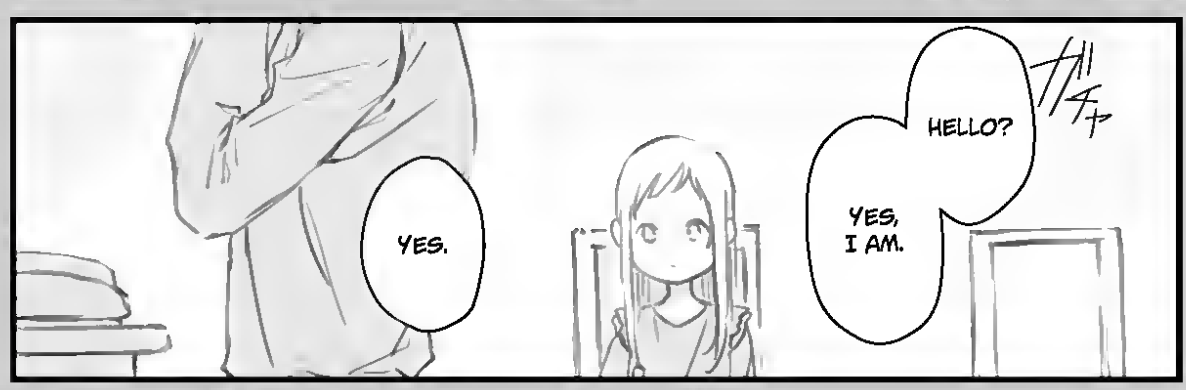


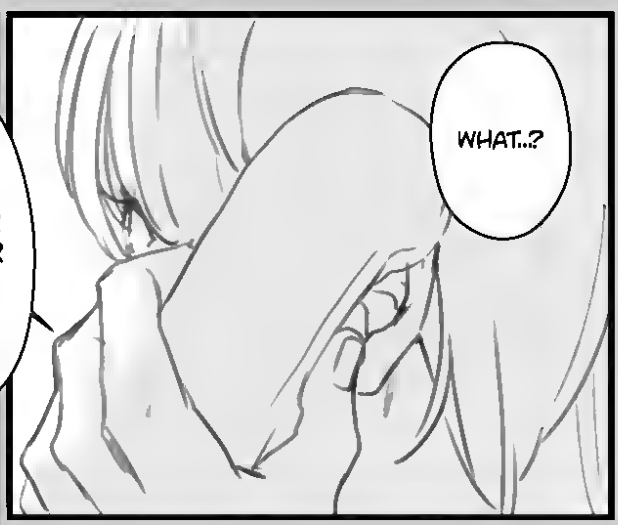
I LOVED THE TIMES I SPENT WITH ONII-CHAN WHEN HE WAS KIND.

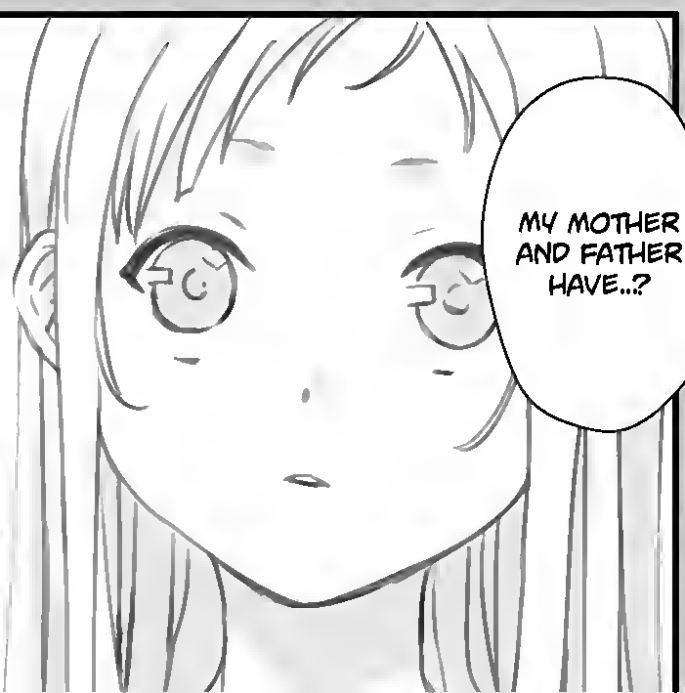

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT AS WELL.
You're right
SO BE A GOOD GIRL AND PATIENTLY WAIT FOR HER

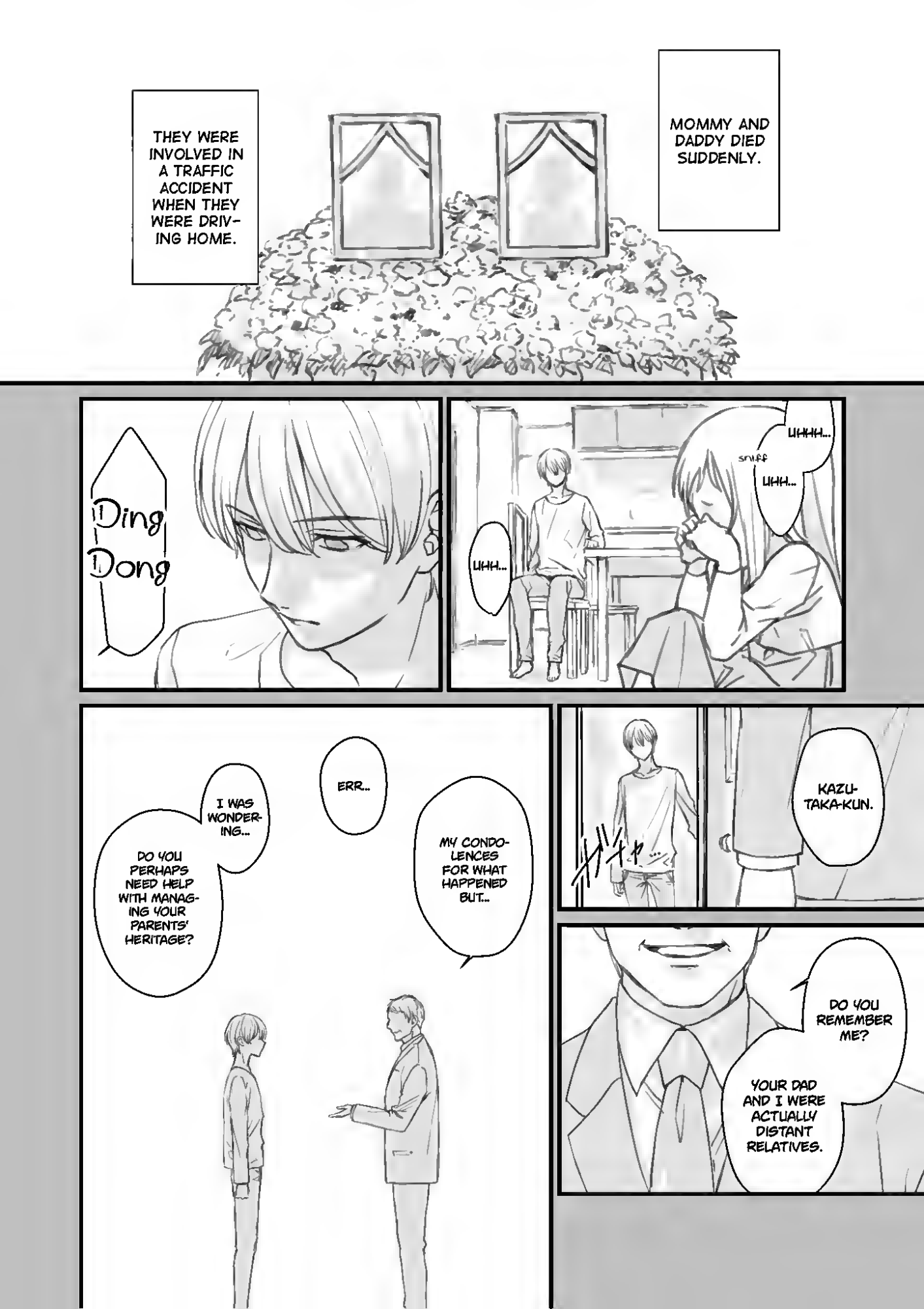

BY THE WAY.
MOMMY SAID SHE WOULD BUY SOME PUDDING WHEN SHE CAME BACK!
I can't wait!

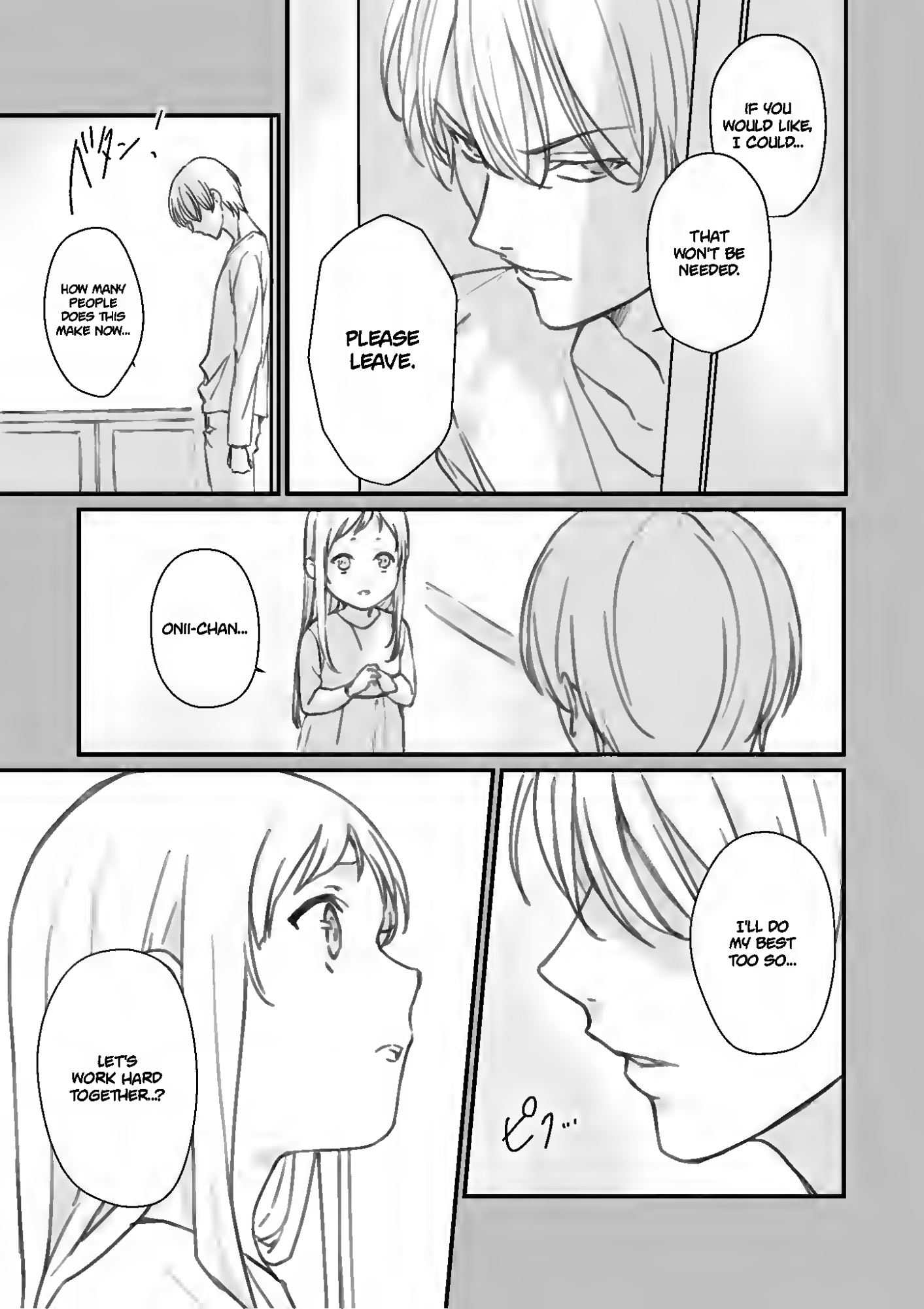
Ring ringring ring


HELLO?
YES, I AM.
YES.

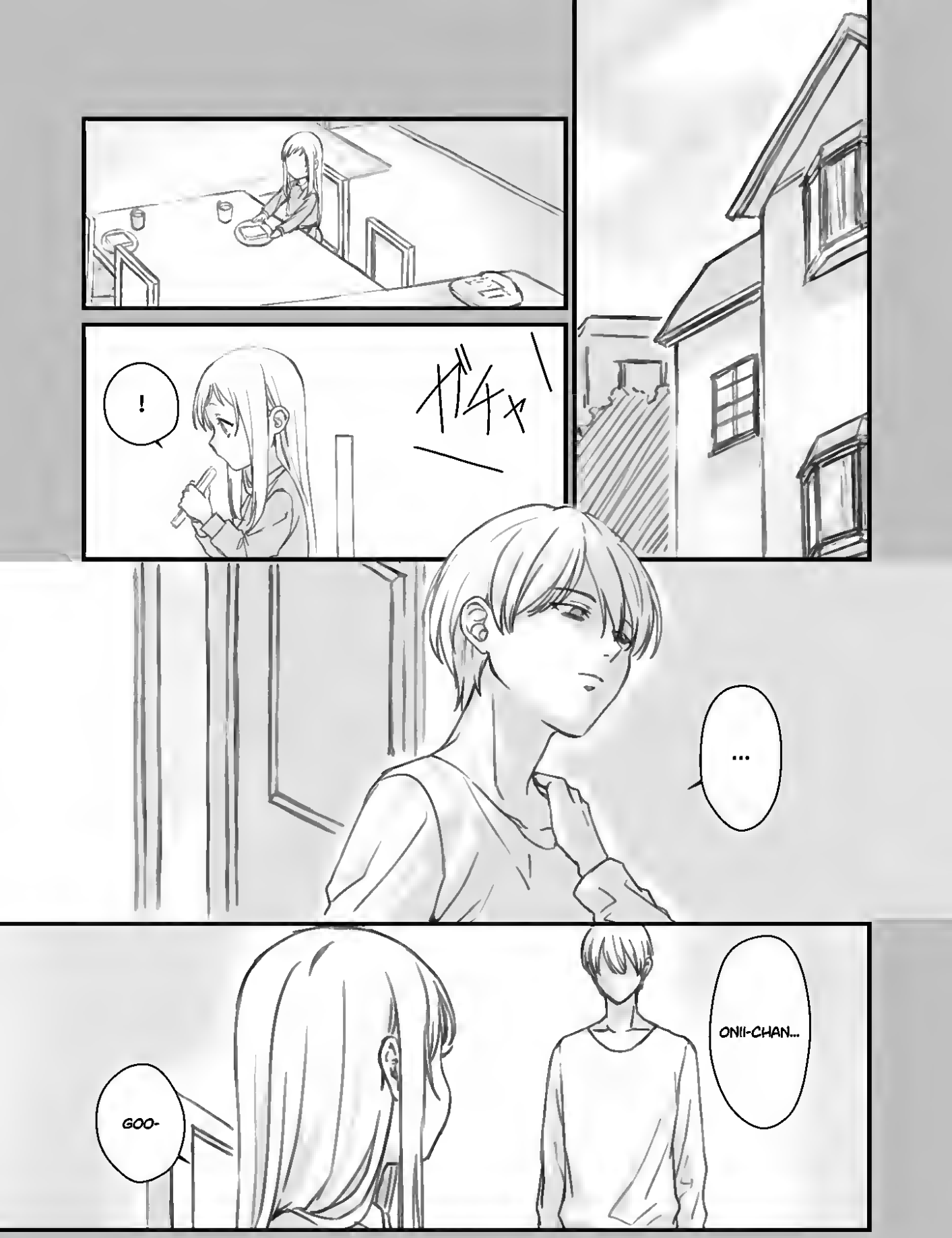

WHAT..?


MY MOTHER AND FATHER HAVE..?


MOMMY AND DADDY DIED SUDDENLY.
THEY WERE INVOLVED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHEN THEY WERE DRIVING HOME.
Ding Dong
UHHH...
sniff
UHH...
UHH...
KAZUTAKA-KUN.
DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
YOUR DAD AND I WERE ACTUALLY DISTANT RELATIVES.
ERR..
MY CONDOLENCES FOR WHAT HAPPENED BUT...
I WAS WONDERING...
DO YOU PERHAPS NEED HELP WITH MANAGING YOUR PARENTS' HERITAGE?


HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES THIS MAKE NOW...
PLEASE LEAVE.
THAT WON'T BE NEEDED.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE, I COULD...
ONII-CHAN...
I'LL DO MY BEST TOO SO...
LET'S WORK HARD TOGETHER...?

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME ONII-CHAN EVER HIT ME.
AFTER THAT DAY, HE NEVER LEFT THE HOUSE AGAIN.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ONII-CHAN...
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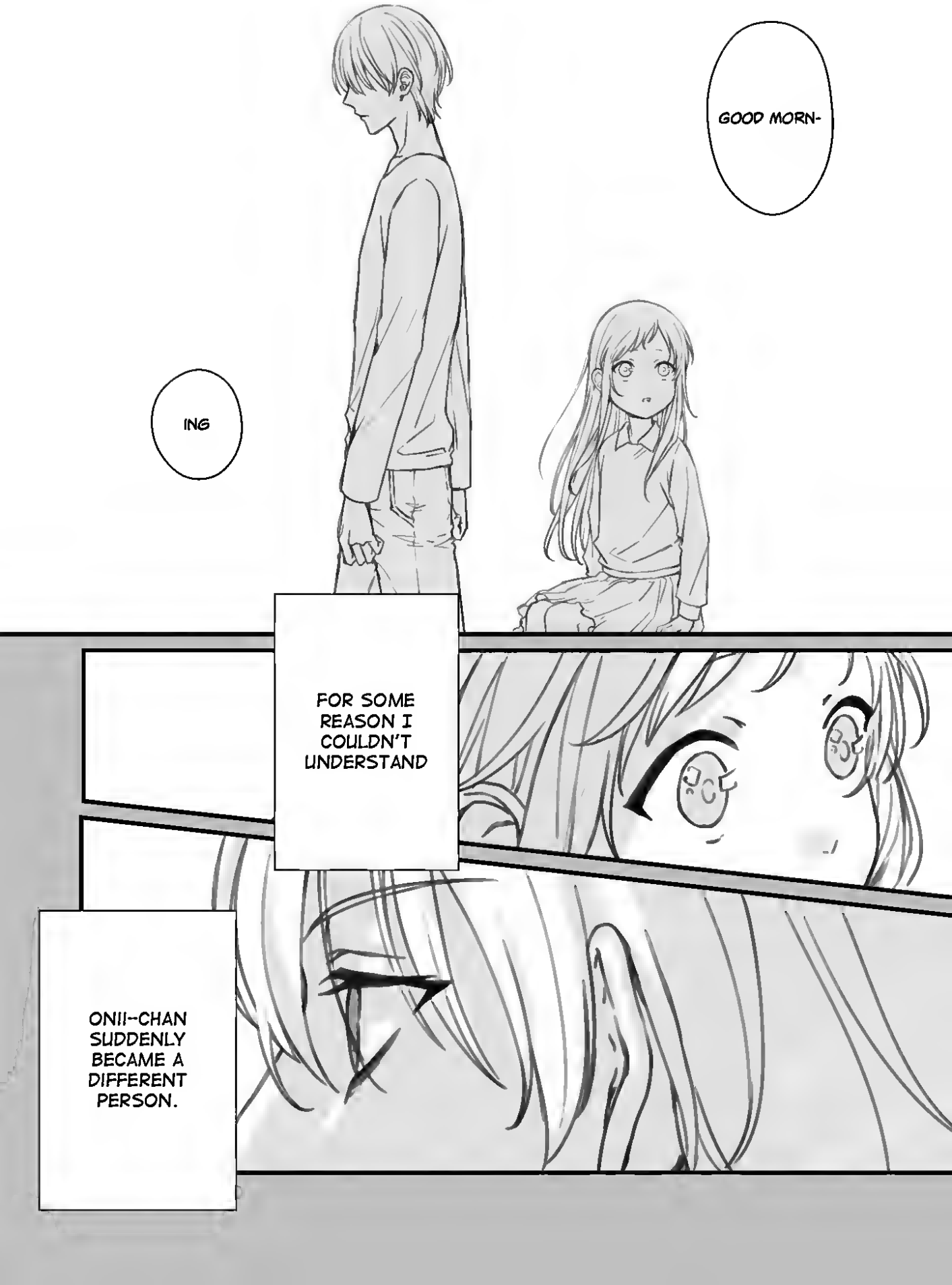
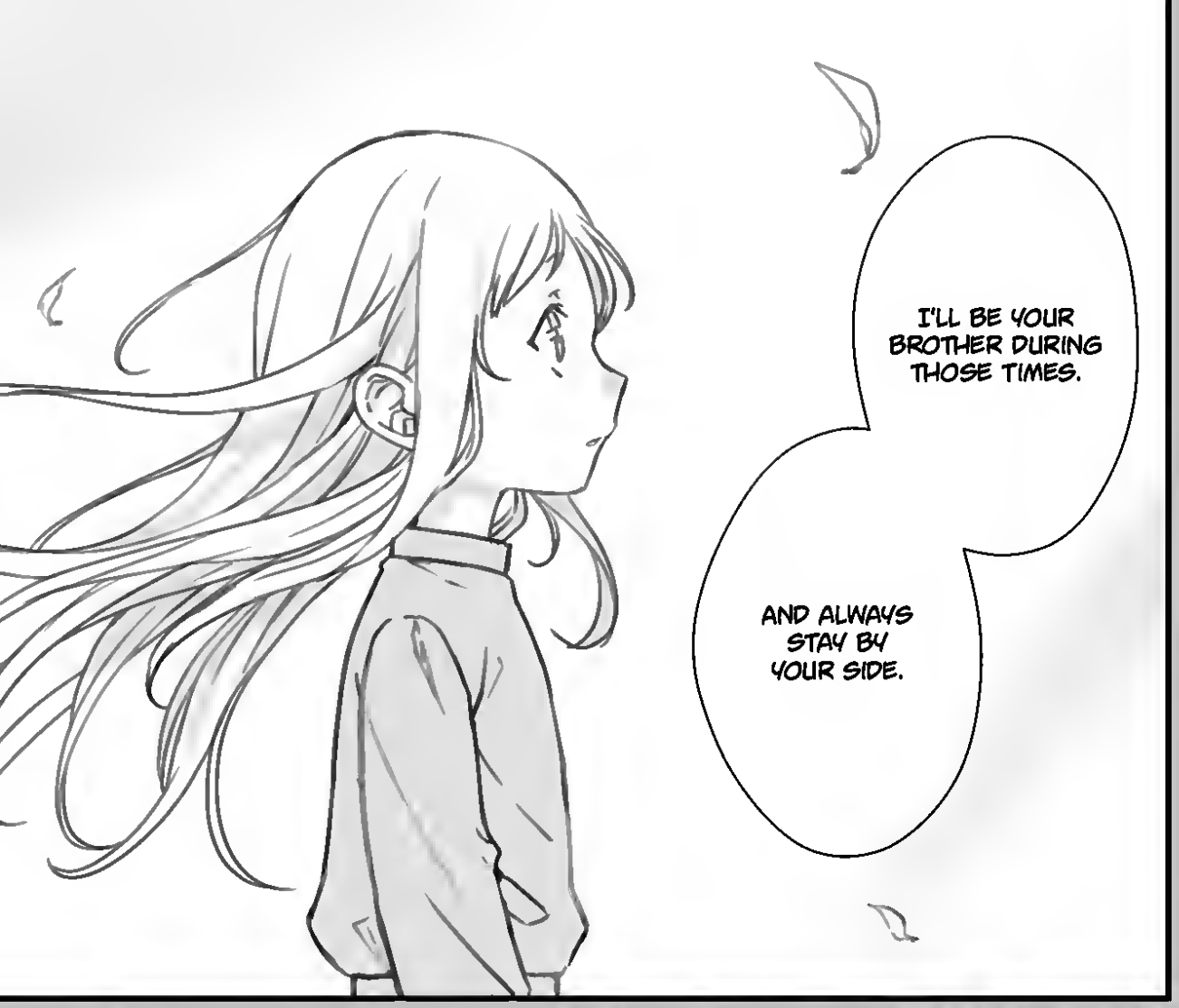

GOOD MORN-
ING
FOR SOME REASON I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND
ONII-CHAN SUDDENLY BECAME A DIFFERENT PERSON.

HE ALWAYS BRUSHED ME OFF WHENEVER I TALKED.
HE DIDN'T REPLY WHEN I CALLED OUT TO HIM.
HE STOPPED SMILING.
HE STOPPED LOOKING AT ME.
HE STOPPED BEING WITH ME.

THAT WAS WHEN
I MET MY RENTAL ONII-CHAN
RENTAL ONII-CHAN..?
SINCE YOU SAID I WAS LIKE HIM
WHY NOT CALL ME WHENEVER YOU'RE FEELING LONELY OR SAD?


I'LL BE YOUR BROTHER DURING THOSE TIMES.
AND ALWAYS STAY BY YOUR SIDE.

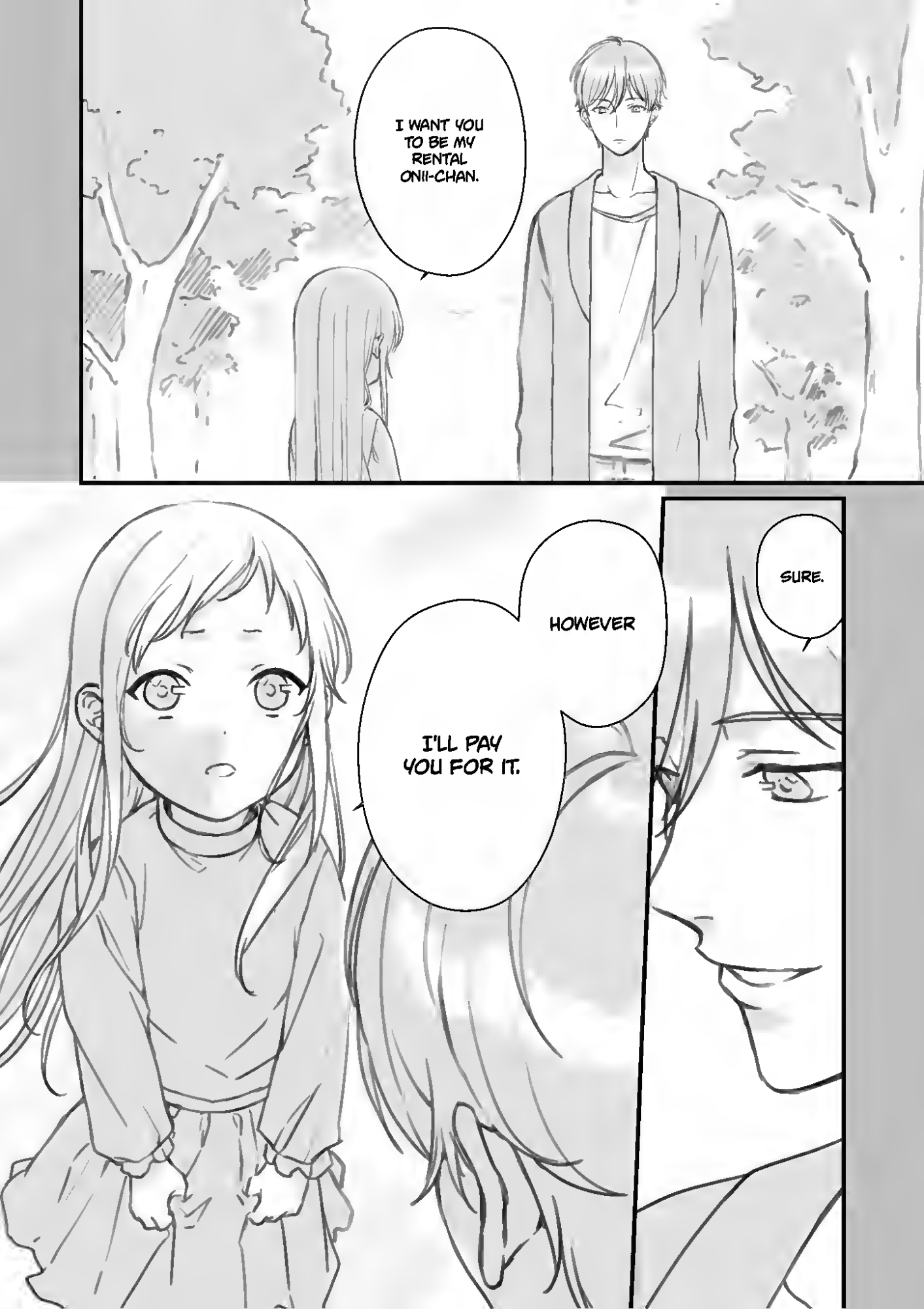
I WAS REALLY HAPPY WHEN HE CAME TO ME.

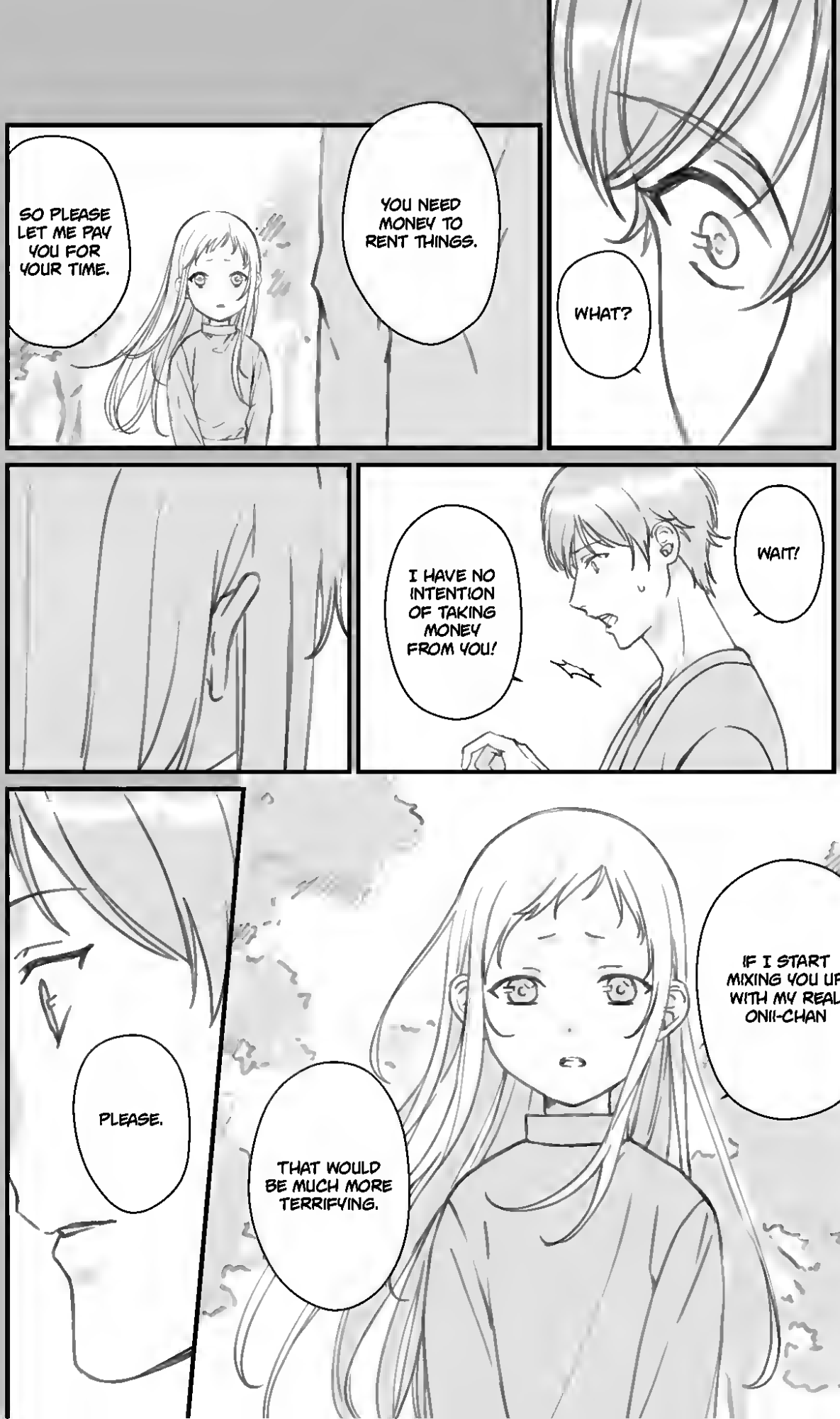
HOWEVER...

HE'LL BECOME MY BROTHER...?

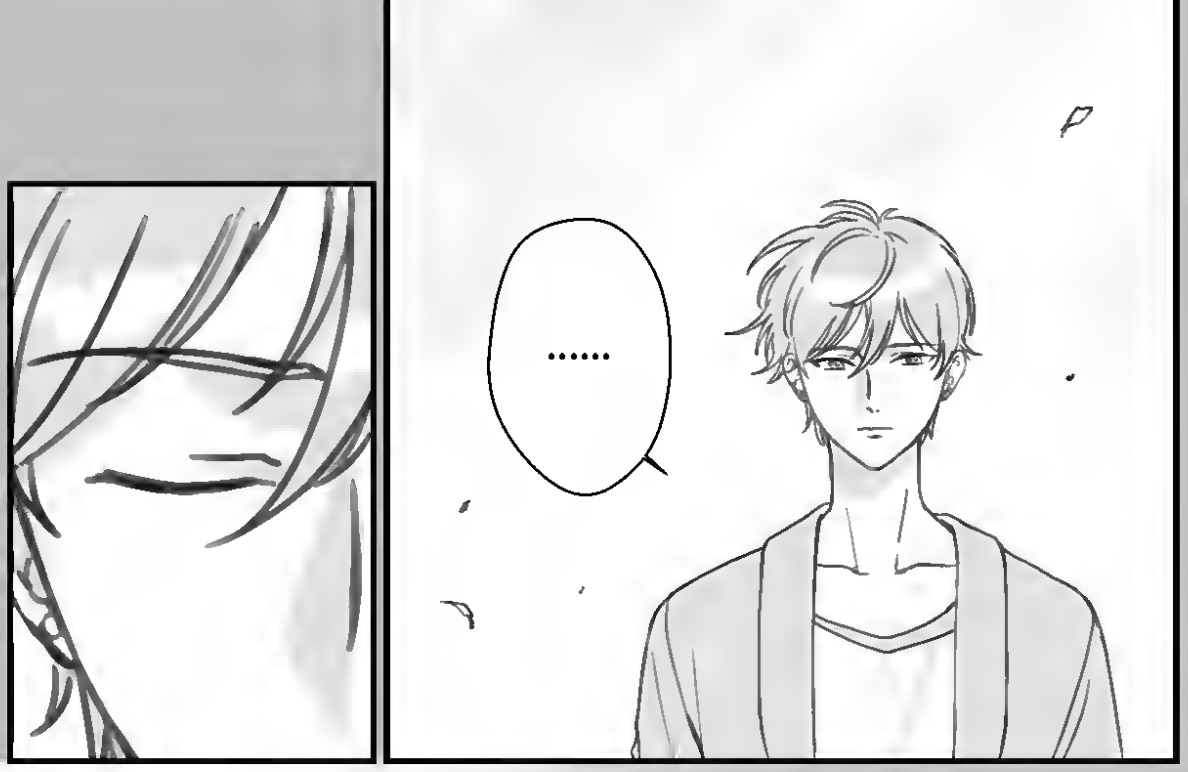
THAT WAS ONLY BECAUSE HE OVERLAPPED WITH THE REAL ONII-CHAN.
SO I COULD SEE THE ONII-CHAN I USED TO KNOW.
I'M SURE I WAS ONLY USING HIM

BUT EVER SINCE ONII-CHAN CHANGED
EVERY DAY HAS BEEN SO SAD AND PAINFUL.
"IT'S OKAY." "I CAN STILL GO ON."
I KEPT TELLING MYSELF THAT OVER AND OVER.
ARE YOU OKAY?
BUT THE TRUTH IS...
I WANTED SOMEONE TO SAVE ME SO BADLY
I FELT LIKE I WAS ABOUT TO BREAK.


I WANT YOU TO BE MY RENTAL ONII-CHAN.
SURE.
HOWEVER
I'LL PAY YOU FOR IT.


WHAT?
YOU NEED MONEY TO RENT THINGS.
SO PLEASE LET ME PAY YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
WAIT!
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF TAKING MONEY FROM YOU!
IF I START MIXING YOU UP WITH MY REAL ONII-CHAN
THAT WOULD BE MUCH MORE TERRIFYING.
PLEASE.

TO MAKE SURE I DON'T FORGET YOU'RE NOT THE REAL ONII-CHAN.
LET ME GIVE YOU MONEY.



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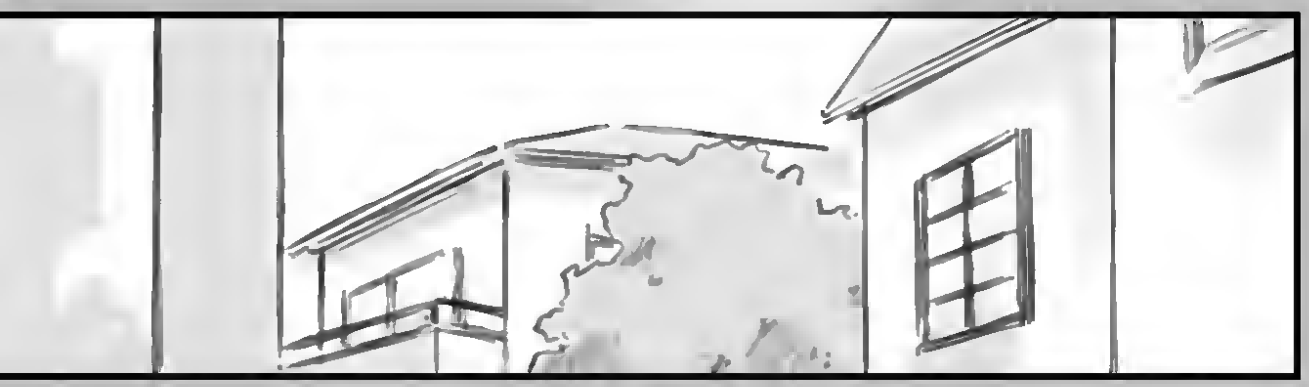

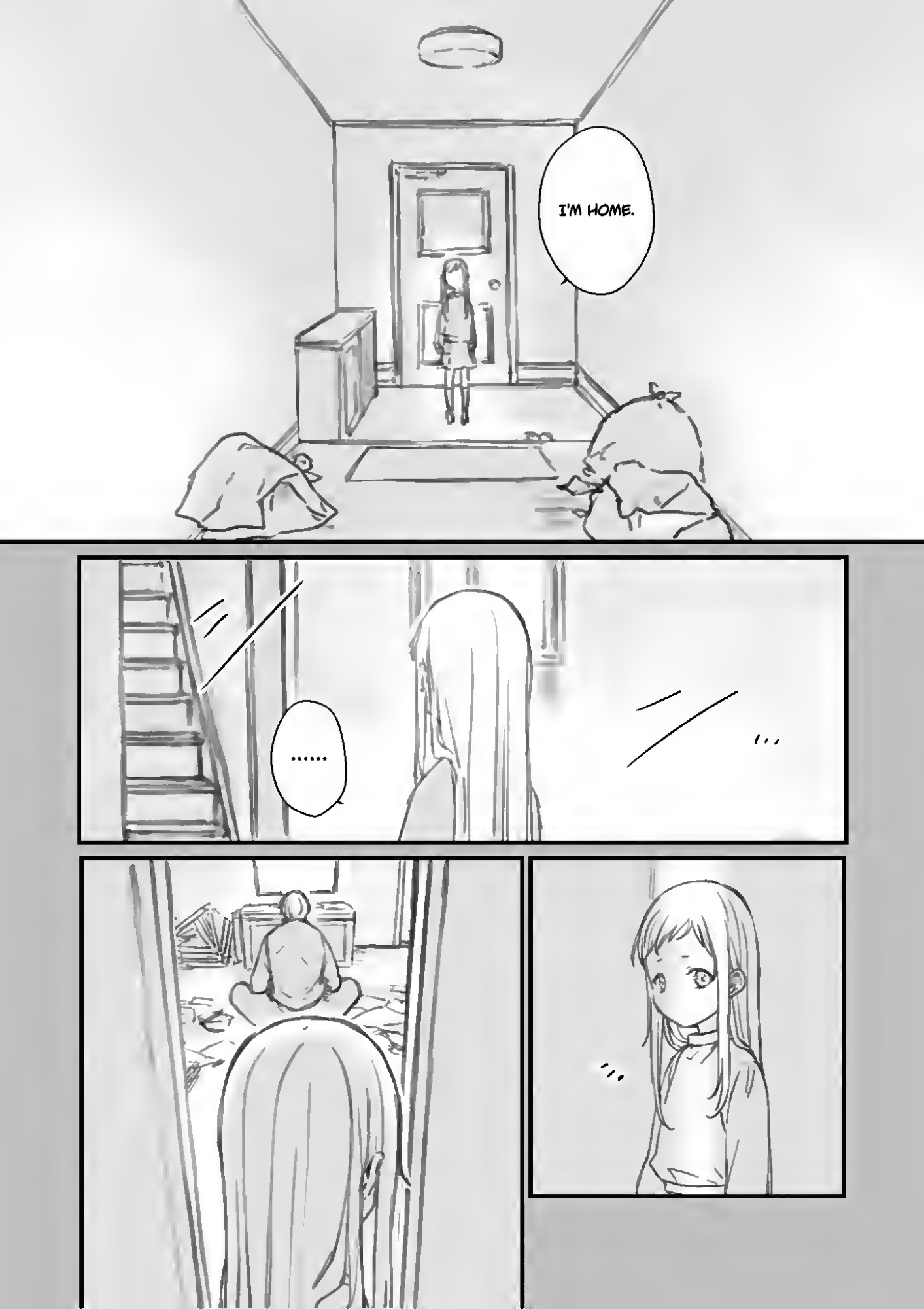
I'M HOME.
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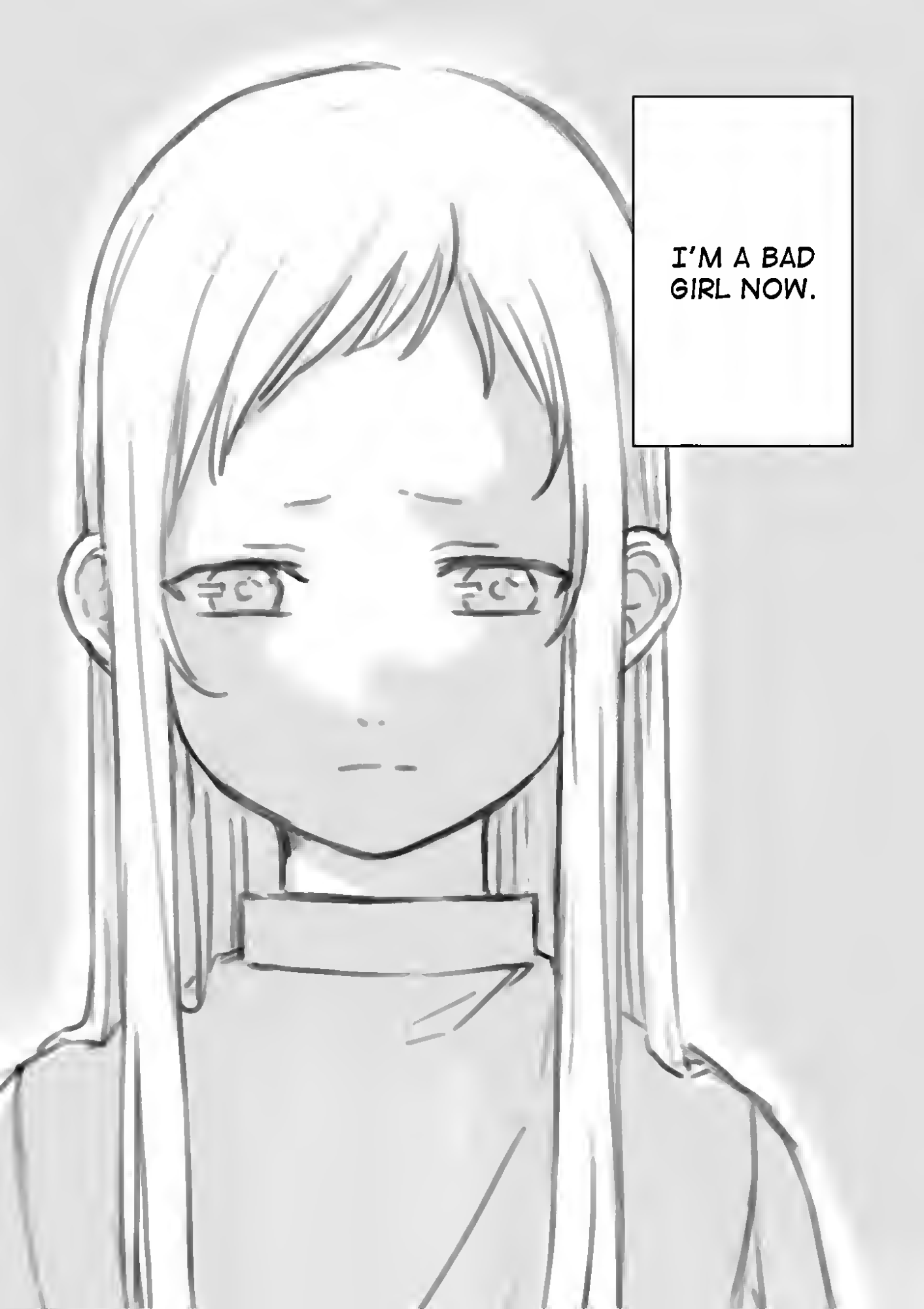
YOU NEED TO HAVE MONEY.
TO RENT SOMETHING
YOU'RE STILL TOO YOUNG TO GO AND RENT THINGS ON YOUR OWN.
I'M DOING SOMETHING I SHOULDN'T BE DOING...


I'M A BAD GIRL NOW.

AS A REWARD FOR YOU BEING A GOOD GIRL
WE CAN PLAY MORE FOR TODAY!

I BET...

IF HE SAW ME NOW
ONII-CHAN WOULDN'T PLAY WITH ME.